

Claims

1. A method for visualising a spatially resolved data set (D) using an illumination model (BM), with a datum ($D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$) of the data set (D) being associated in each case with a volume element (V) whose position is described by coordinates (α, β, γ) in a measurement coordinate system (K_M), with the data ($D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$) being loaded as at least one texture ($T\alpha_i, T\beta_j, T\gamma_k$) into graphics hardware in order to generate a pictorial representation (5) in a projection space, characterised in that the illumination model (BM) is evaluated in the measurement coordinate system (K_M).
2. A method in accordance with claim 1, in which the data ($D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$) of the data set (D) are processed without transformation from the measurement coordinate system (K_M) into another coordinate system, in particular without transformation into a Cartesian and/or isotropic coordinate system.
3. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in which the measurement coordinate system (K_M) is a non-Cartesian measurement coordinate system (K_M).
4. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in which the measurement coordinate system (K_M) is a cylindrical system or a spherical coordinate system (K_M).

5. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in which linear interpolation is carried out between the data $(D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ of the data set (D) in the measurement coordinate system (K_M) .
- 5 6. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in which the illumination model in the data set (D) is evaluated close to a singularity.
-) 7. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in
10 which the data $(D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ of the data set (D) represent a volume resolved scan of a body (G_0) ; and in which the pictorial representation (5) is a three-dimensional representation (5), in particular a semi-transparent representation (5), of the body (G_0) .
- 15 8. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in which the pictorial representation (5) is generated as a stereoscopic projection.
-) 9. A method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in
20 which the data $(D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ of the data set (D) are generated by means of an ultrasonic measuring device (1).
10. Use of a method in accordance with any one of the preceding claims, in particular for medical purposes, for the fast generation of three-
25 dimensional representations (5) of a body (G_0) , in particular of a human body or parts thereof, with reference to data $(D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma))$ gained by a technical measurement.